

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
October 17th, 7p.m.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: John Stantz, Dean Bruce, and Cynthia Hyde

Also present: Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Street Dept. Supt. Larry Parrish, Town Marshal, Richard Foutch, Denise Shaw, Michael Browning, Jim Baughn and Mike Stanley,

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR September 19th, 2011 REGULAR MEETING

Cynthia Hyde motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jon Stantz, the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Tyler McGowan, of GRW presented documents for signature for the completion and final payout of the DR2 Stormwater Project.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the final payout in the amount of \$39,690.81, it was seconded by Cynthia Hyde and the motion passed 3-0.

A letter from Tom and Valarie Gillaspys requesting to vacate the alley between their property was presented to the Town Council for consideration. Richard Lorenz said that the next steps for the Gillaspys were to publish the request, and notify their neighbors so they can express their opinions. He stated he would get in touch with them to let them know what the process is for proceeding.

Denise Shaw, Director of Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development presented the budget and strategies for 2012 for both organizations. She also reported that the offices would be moving sometime in December to their new downtown location on S. Main Street.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz stated that they are still waiting for the appraisal on the signage issue in regards to the Franklin Street Extension. He also said in regards to the Hazard Mitigation project, bids were due on October 21st for surveying, appraising, and abstracting.

He next mentioned that the job descriptions for the building supervisor were approved by the Owen County Commissioners, and they were expecting them to be approved by the Town Council. He did not have the most recent version, nor did any members of the council, but he affirmed the final version reflected what was agreed to at the joint session between the Town Council and the County Commissioners.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the modified job descriptions based on the stipulation by Richard Lorenz that they would reflect the agreed upon terms and conditions from the joint session. The motion was 2nd by Dean Bruce, and it passed, 2-1, with Jon Stantz opposed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marshal Foutch reported that the police participated in the "Shop with a Cop" program and it was very successful again this year. He also reiterated on October 29th, they will be participating in a "Drug Take Back Day" from 10 to 1. He also mentioned that they will once again have the weenie roast on Halloween from 5 to 8 in the fire bay.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Parrish reported that they are moving into the leafing season now. He also stated that if the availability of a used asphalt reclaimer becomes available, he will be asking for the council's approval to purchase it. He said a new one runs for about \$26,000 and he may be able to get a 2006 for about \$11,000. He will notify them if it becomes available.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Edwards reported that he met with Vickey Maxey on the 19th of September about capping the sewer. He advised her as to what she needed to do, and he had not heard back from her. Jon Stantz asked him if he had heard back from Les Jordan who appeared at the last town meeting, and Mr. Edwards stated he had not.

Next, Michael Browning requested a sewer adjustment for his property. It did not meet the requirements for an adjustment.

A motion was made by Dean Bruce to deny the request for the sewer adjustment, seconded by Cynthia Hyde. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz stated that we received our first quarterly report with INDOT for Safe Routes Project, but has not been given permission to proceed. He thinks it should be forthcoming in the next 2-4 weeks.

Next, Jon Stantz requested that he be named proxy for the District 7 Planning Council for emergency management. Dean Bruce is currently in this position, but Jon works in Brazil which makes it convenient for him to attend the meetings. The Proxy was signed by Dean Bruce.

Next Jon Stantz stated that there will be a public hearing on October 26th at the Brazil town hall to discuss increasing the fees for waste collection for the Clay-Owen-Vigo Solid Waste District. He is encouraging everyone to attend because the outcome of the vote to increase, will affect the people of Owen County.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Jon Stantz motioned to accept claims as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer